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BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

Baltimore, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that today United States District Court Judge Richard Bennett sentenced Vernon Edward Crowffey, age 34, of Baltimore, Maryland to serve 180 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for possession of ammunition by a convicted felon.

According to the statement of facts contained in the plea agreement presented to the court, on July 21, 2004 members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and other task force officers executed a search warrant at Crowffey's residence. Officers seized a lock box, a PACA bullet-proof vest and residency papers in the defendant's name in a basement bedroom. Officers opened the box and located 32 rounds of .45 caliber, Sellier and Bellot cartridges, all of which were manufactured outside the state of Maryland. The defendant admitted to the officers that the ammunition was his. At the time of the warrant, the defendant had three prior convictions.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Debra L. Dwyer.